



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Chicago will host Gay Games VII from July 15,
3 2006, to July 22, 2006, as the Games return to North America
4 for the first time in 12 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Gay Games VII will feature 14,000 participants,
6 competition in 30 sports, world-class athletes and artists,
7 band and choral performances, nightly medal ceremonies, a
8 week-long arts festival, parties, and spectacular opening and
9 closing ceremonies showcasing entertainment, pageantry, and a
10 parade of participants from more than 70 countries; and

11 WHEREAS, The Gay Games are open to anyone and have a
12 25-year history; there are no qualifying events or minimum or
13 maximum requirements; and

14 WHEREAS, Gay Games VI was held in Sydney in 2002 and had an
15 \$80 million impact on the local economy and 12,979 registered
16 participants; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we recognize the organizers, participants, and attendees of Gay
20 Games VII in Chicago, and we wish a successful event for all;
21 and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
23 presented to Chicago Games, Inc., the Gay Games VII host
24 committee.